

Application No. 10/800,150
Preliminary Amendment dated July 30, 2004
Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 1, 2004

REMARKS

This Amendment is being made prior to the receipt of a first Office Action in the above-captioned application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15 are pending in the instant application.

The specification has been amended to include a specific reference claiming the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/455,109, filed March 13, 2003, as required under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(5). This reference is submitted during the pendency of the above-captioned application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(5)(ii).


The claims have been amended to correct a misnumbering with respect to claims 8 and 9 (second occurrence) and claims 10-11, and to add new claims 14 and 15. More particularly, the second occurrence of claims 8 and 9 have been renumbered as claims 10 and 11, respectively, and claims 10 and 11 have been renumbered as claims 12 and 13, respectively. In addition, new claims 14 and 15 have been added. Support for the new claims may be found in the specification on page 7, lines 7-13, and in drawing FIGS. 2A-B, 2E-H, 3, 8B, 9B, 10A and 11A. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination of the above-captioned application.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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